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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

JEFFREY SCHULKEN AND JENIFER  
SCHULKEN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK,  
HENDERSON, NEVADA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No.:09-CV-02708-LHK

Hon. Lucy H. Koh

CLASS ACTION

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

**(MODIFIED BY THE COURT)**

1        1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2        Disclosure and discovery activity in this action are likely to involve production of confidential,  
 3        proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for  
 4        any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby  
 5        stipulate to and petition the court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties  
 6        acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to  
 7        discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited  
 8        information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles.  
 9        The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this Stipulated Protective  
 10       Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth  
 11       the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks  
 12       permission from the court to file material under seal.

13       2. DEFINITIONS

14       2.1 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or  
 15       items under this Order.

16       2.2 "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is generated,  
 17       stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil  
 18       Procedure 26(c).

19       2.3 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their  
 20       support staff).

21       2.4 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it  
 22       produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as "CONFIDENTIAL."

23       2.5 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless of the medium or  
 24       manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony,  
 25       transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery  
 26       in this matter.  
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1       2.6 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the  
 2 litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a  
 3 consultant in this action.

4       2.7 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this action. House Counsel does  
 5 not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.

6       2.8 Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity  
 7 not named as a Party to this action.

8       2.9 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this action but  
 9 are retained to represent or advise a party to this action and have appeared in this action on behalf of  
 10 that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party.

11       2.10 Party: any party to this action, including all of its officers, directors, employees,  
 12 consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).

13       2.11 Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in  
 14 this action.  
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16       2.12 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g.,  
 17 photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing,  
 18 or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

19       2.13 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as  
 20 "CONFIDENTIAL."

21       2.14 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material from a Producing  
 22 Party.

### 23       3. SCOPE

24       The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as  
 25 defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies,  
 26 excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or  
 27 presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material. However, the  
 28 protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order do not cover the following information: (a) any

1 information that is in the public domain at the time of disclosure to a Receiving Party or becomes part  
 2 of the public domain after its disclosure to a Receiving Party as a result of publication not involving a  
 3 violation of this Order, including becoming part of the public record through trial or otherwise; and (b)  
 4 any information known to the Receiving Party prior to the disclosure or obtained by the Receiving  
 5 Party after the disclosure from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no obligation  
 6 of confidentiality to the Designating Party. Any use of Protected Material at trial shall be governed by  
 7 a separate agreement or order.

#### 8 4. DURATION

9 Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
 10 Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order  
 11 otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and  
 12 defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion  
 13 and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action, including the time  
 14 limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law. For a period  
 15 of six months after the final disposition of this action, this court will retain jurisdiction to enforce the  
 16 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL terms of this order.

17 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or Non-  
 18 Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any  
 19 such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards.

20 Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations that are shown to  
 21 be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber  
 22 or retard the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other  
 23 parties) expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

24 If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for  
 25 protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties  
 26 that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

27 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g.,  
 28 second paragraph of section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or

1 Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before  
2 the material is disclosed or produced.

3 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

4 (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic documents, but excluding  
5 transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix the  
6 legend "CONFIDENTIAL" to each page that contains protected material.

7 A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection need  
8 not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it would  
9 like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made  
10 available for inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting Party has identified  
11 the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which documents  
12 qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing  
13 Party must affix the "CONFIDENTIAL" legend to each page that contains Protected Material.

14 (b) for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial proceedings, that the  
15 Designating Party identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other  
16 proceeding, all protected testimony; or, before the close of the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding,  
17 the Designating Party may invoke on the record a right to identify protected testimony within 21 days  
18 of receiving a transcript of the deposition, hearing, or other proceeding. During the deposition,  
19 hearing, or other proceeding and before the designation, all of testimony shall be deemed  
20 "CONFIDENTIAL."

21 (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other tangible  
22 items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers  
23 in which the information or item is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions  
24 of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall  
25 identify the protected portion(s).

26 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate  
27 qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure  
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1 protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving  
2 Party must make reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the  
3 provisions of this Order.

4 **6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

5 **6.1 Timing of Challenges.** Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of  
6 confidentiality at any time. Unless a prompt challenge to a Designating Party's confidentiality  
7 designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable, substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or  
8 a significant disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a  
9 confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation  
10 is disclosed.

11 **6.2 Meet and Confer.** The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute resolution process by  
12 providing written notice of each designation it is challenging and describing the basis for each  
13 challenge. To avoid ambiguity as to whether a challenge has been made, the written notice must recite  
14 that the challenge to confidentiality is being made in accordance with this specific paragraph of the  
15 Protective Order. The parties shall attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin the  
16 process by conferring directly (in voice to voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not  
17 sufficient) within 14 days of the date of service of notice. In conferring, the Challenging Party must  
18 explain the basis for its belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper and must give the  
19 Designating Party an opportunity to review the designated material, to reconsider the circumstances,  
20 and, if no change in designation is offered, to explain the basis for the chosen designation. A  
21 Challenging Party may proceed to the next stage of the challenge process only if it has engaged in this  
22 meet and confer process first or establishes that the Designating Party is unwilling to participate in the  
23 meet and confer process in a timely manner.

24 **6.3 Judicial Intervention.** If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court intervention,  
25 the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality under Civil Local Rule 7  
26 (and in compliance with Civil Local Rule 79-5, if applicable) within 14 days of the parties agreeing  
27 that the meet and confer process will not resolve their dispute. Each such motion must be accompanied  
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1 by a competent declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer  
2 requirements imposed in the preceding paragraph. Failure by the Designating Party to make such a  
3 motion including the required declaration within the 14-day period described in this section shall  
4 automatically waive the confidentiality designation for each challenged designation. In addition, the  
5 Challenging Party may file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation at any time if there is  
6 good cause for doing so, including a challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript or any  
7 portions thereof. Any motion brought pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by a competent  
8 declaration affirming that the movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed by  
9 the preceding paragraph.

10 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party.  
11 Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (*e.g.*, to harass or impose unnecessary  
12 expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the  
13 Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to file a motion to retain  
14 confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level  
15 of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the court rules on the  
16 challenge.

## 17 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

18 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or  
19 produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this case only for prosecuting,  
20 defending, or attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the  
21 categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been  
22 terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 13 below (FINAL  
23 DISPOSITION).

24 Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a  
25 secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.  
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1       7.2 Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the  
2 court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information  
3 or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to:

4       (a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this action, as well as employees of said  
5 Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
6 litigation;

7       (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of the Receiving Party to  
8 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment  
9 and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

10       (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably  
11 necessary for this litigation and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound"  
12 (Exhibit A);

13       (d) the court and its personnel;

14       (e) court reporters and their staff, professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and  
15 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have  
16 signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);

17       (f) during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary  
18 and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), unless  
19 otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition  
20 testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be separately bound by the  
21 court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective  
22 Order.  
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24       (g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other  
25 person who otherwise possessed or knew the information who have signed the "Acknowledgment and  
26 Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

27       8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN OTHER  
28 LITIGATION



1 If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that compels  
 2 disclosure of any information or items designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL," that Party  
 3 must:

4 (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification shall include a copy of  
 5 the subpoena or court order;

6 (b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other  
 7 litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective  
 8 Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order; and

9 (c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating  
 10 Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

11 If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or  
 12 court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as "CONFIDENTIAL" before a  
 13 determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the  
 14 Designating Party's permission. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking  
 15 protection in that court of its confidential material – and nothing in these provisions should be  
 16 construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party or a Designating Party in this action to  
 17 disobey a lawful directive from another court.

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 19 9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED IN THIS  
 20 LITIGATION

21 (a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this action  
 22 and designated as "CONFIDENTIAL." Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with  
 23 this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these  
 24 provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

25 (b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's  
 26 confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party  
 27 not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:  
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1           1. promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of  
2 the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

3           2. promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated Protective Order in this  
4 litigation, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information  
5 requested; and

6           3. make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party.

7           (c) If the Non-Party fails to object or seek a protective order from this court within 21 days of  
8 receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's  
9 confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a  
10 protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that  
11 is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court.  
12 Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking  
13 protection in this court of its Protected Material.  
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15           10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

16           If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
17 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the  
18 Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized  
19 disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c)  
20 inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this  
21 Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be  
22 Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

23           11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE PROTECTED  
24 MATERIAL

25           When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced  
26 material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties  
27 are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to  
28 modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production

1 without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), the parties agree  
2 that disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work  
3 product protection is not a waiver in any other Federal or State proceeding.

4 12. MISCELLANEOUS

5 12.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its  
6 modification by the court in the future.

7 12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order no  
8 Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or  
9 item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any  
10 right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.

11 12.3 Filing Protected Material. Without written permission from the Designating Party or a  
12 court order secured after appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file in the public  
13 record in this action any Protected Material. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected  
14 Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal  
15 pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. Pursuant to  
16 Civil Local Rule 79-5, a sealing order will issue only upon a request establishing that the Protected  
17 Material at issue is privileged, protectable as a trade secret, or otherwise entitled to protection under the  
18 law. If a Receiving Party's request to file Protected Material under seal pursuant to Civil Local Rule  
19 79-5(d) is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public record  
20 pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e) unless otherwise instructed by the court.

21 13. FINAL DISPOSITION. Within 60 days after the final disposition of this action, as defined  
22 in paragraph 4, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or  
23 destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies,  
24 abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
25 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a  
26 written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating  
27 Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected  
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1 Material that was returned or destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any  
 2 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the  
 3 Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of  
 4 all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda,  
 5 correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and  
 6 expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that  
 7 contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4  
 8 (DURATION).

9 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

10 DATED: November 3, 2010

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2 **AS MODIFIED BY THE COURT,**  
3 **PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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5 DATED: November 4, 2010

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7 ~~LUCY L. KOHL~~ HOWARD R. LLOYD  
8 United States ~~District~~ Judge  
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## EXHIBIT A

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on [date] in the case of *Schulken, et al. v. Washington Mutual Bank, Henderson, Nevada, et al.* (Case No.:10-CV-02708-LHK). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where sworn and signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_